To: Martin, Molly[Martin.Molly@epa.gov]

From: Bacalan, Vince

Sent: Fri 2/17/2017 10:06:28 PM **Subject:** RE: draft for bernice

Looks good. Now I'm sad. Ok I'm running away.

Vince

From: Martin, Molly

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 4:57 PM **To:** Bacalan, Vince <Bacalan.Vince@epa.gov>

Subject: draft for bernice

Bernice,

I wanted to share some news with you. I have accepted a reassignment to R4 wetlands program starting 3/03.

Atlanta is home so we are excited to be close to family, but I am sad to be leaving my colleagues and the SMBNEP.

Sam and I have been working on a transition plan and Adam Jorge will be back filling as PO for me on the project and we will be working together through this year's workplan approval and grant award.

Sam and I attended the Feb 16 Governing Board meeting and relayed the message to the management conference as well and said my goodbyes to staff. It also gave Sam the opportunity to spend time with Tom and various board members and observe the improvements to the MC meetings and a more engaged MC amid continued litigation.

FYI- SMBRC second lawsuit from Ballona Wetland Land Trust (BWLT) will be heard in court August 31, 2017. Additionally, TBF and BLWT have had initial pre-litigation discussions last week and we are hoping to reach resolution without litigation.

Progress on BRP revision continues, specific attention right now is on identifying gaps and funding opportunities to implement the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan. We had a good turn out of Governing Board members to the Watershed Advisory Committee meeting and several have indicated interest in attending the next TAC meeting to discuss the CMP with a possible workshop planned to get the management conference more engaged in the CMP.

I feel confident that the program will continue to produce environmental results and is on the path to improve their MC and broader stakeholder engagement.

I am always available to assist this program and answer questions. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any concerns.

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